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Welcome to the April 2004 edition. We particularly welcome any new subscribers to the Newsletter and invite everyone to participate by sending contributions for future editions of the Newsletter.

I hope that some nice weather is heading your way as we enter into spring here in the northern hemisphere. I'm kicking things off this month with something a little out of the ordinary!

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SHAMELESS SOLICITATION! As some of you may know I am actively involved in bird watching. It's great fun, challenging, and good exercise as well. In early May, I will be participating, for my second consecutive year, in the annual Baillie Birdathon, organized as a fund raiser by Canada's national bird conservation organization, Bird Studies Canada. More than 7,500 people from across Canada (and from several countries around the world) participated in and/or sponsored the event last May.

During a 24-hour period, birders attempt to spot as many bird species as possible, supported by either flat rate, or "per-species" pledges from sponsors. More than $194,000 was raised in 2003 for Bird Studies Canada.

Donations are tax deductible. Flat-rate pledges of any amount; $2, $5, $10, or more, are greatly appreciated, or you may opt for a "per-species" pledge. For example, if I were to spot 75 species, your pledge would be as follows:

@ $0.10 per species = $7.50;
@ $0.25 per species = $18.75;
@ $0.50 per species = $37.50;
@ $1.00 per species = $75.00, etc.

Your support last year was great. If you were unable to pledge last year, I hope that you may be able to step forward to support me this year. Any amount would be greatly appreciated. Flat-rate pledge payments may be made at the time of the pledge, either by cash, cheque, VISA or MASTERCARD. The payments of "per-species" pledges obviously cannot be made until the final count of species seen for the
Birdathon is determined.

If you have any questions about any of this, please feel free to contact me, either by e-mail, or by telephone at 450-671-3773. If you would like to learn more about Bird Studies Canada, the Baillie Birdathon, and how your pledge money is used, please take the time to visit the following web pages.

Bird Studies Canada Homepage
http://www.bsc-eoc.org/bscmain.html

2004 Baillie Birdathon Homepage
http://www.bsc-eoc.org/organization/brdathon.html

What happens to your pledge; where does the money go:
http://www.bsc-eoc.org/download/BAThandout.pdf

Thanks for allowing me to bend your ear on this special cause and interest of mine.

Now back to the business at hand. Our Monthly Special Zone for April features sites about the Passover, Easter and Earth Day. Also, I would really like to draw your attention to one special site appearing in the General Zone this month. It is called "Ghost Town" and was submitted by David Guretski. It is a woman's photo-journal of a motorcycle ride through Chernobyl and the surrounding area. It is shocking, moving and breathtaking. Be sure to check it out.

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THE MONTHLY SURVEY

Last month's survey question was:

What is your favourite magazine?

Thank you to the 24 people who took the time to respond. Only 3 magazines received multiple votes. They were:

Monitoring Times -- 5 votes
QST Magazine -- 2 votes
National Geographic -- 2 votes

THIS MONTH'S SURVEY

Let's look at a subject that we featured several years ago in the Survey section. The subject is hobbies, or pastimes. Most of us here have radio as a hobby, be it amateur radio, SWL/Dxing, scanning, etc., but let's find out what else you like to do. We have a lot of new subscribers since we last posed this question, so it should be quite interesting.

Our question is: (Other than radio), what is your favourite hobby, leisure activity or pastime?

Please send your response, by e-mail, to
hfnewsletter@yahoo.com

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THE COMMENTS ZONE

None this month.

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THE CONTRIBUTORS ZONE

Thanks to our 9 contributors for the month of April. That's down again from last month, so please feel free to contribute some information next month.

Ron Bickle, Amherst, Nova Scotia
Steven Coles, AM Radio DX Group
Steve Coletti, New York, New York
David Guretski, Caronport, Saskatchewan
Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec
Ed Muro, Cedarhurst, New York
Jerry Proc, Toronto, Ontario
Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia
Rich Toebe, via Glenn Hauser's DX Listening Digest
Yahoo Weekly Picks

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THE MONTHLY SPECIAL ZONE

EASTER - ITS ORIGINS, MEANINGS, & PRACTICE

http://www.religioustolerance.org/easter.htm

This is self-explanatory.

PASSOVER

http://www.passover.net/

JUDAISM 101: PASSOVER

http://www.jewfaq.org/holidaya.htm

Both sites are self-explanatory.

INTERNATIONAL EARTH DAY

http://www.earthsite.org/

John McConnell, the founder of Earth Day, shares the origin of Earth Day. Find out how to become an Earth Trustee and read the Earth Magna Charta.

EARTH DAY CANADA

http://www.earthday.ca/EDy2k/Home/homefrm1.html

A look at activities planned for Earth Day in Canada.

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THE APRIL ZONE

Here are some events taking place in the month of April:

Become a Yard Nerd Month
Cancer Control Month
Informed Woman Month
National Autism Awareness Month

National Child Abuse Prevention Month
National Pecan Month
National Pet First Aid Awareness Month
Physical Wellness Month
Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month
World Habitat Awareness Month

WEEKLY CELEBRATIONS

4-10 National Week of the Ocean
12-18 Electronic Communications Week
18-24 National Library Week
19-25 Astronomy Week
19-25 National TV Turnoff Week
19-25 National Wildlife Week

SPECIAL DAYS

7 -- World Health Day
9 -- National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day
14 -- International Moment of Laughter Day
19 -- Solar Eclipse
22 -- Take Our Sons and Daughters to Work Day
24 -- Astronomy Day
25 -- Earth Day

ON THE LIGHTER SIDEÉ

Holy Humour Month
National Soft Pretzel Month
Tackle Your Clutter Month
7-- No Housework Day
16 -- National Wear Your Pyjamas to Work Day
17 -- Husband Appreciation Day
18-24 -- National Karaoke Week

Source: http://groups.ucanr.org/espanol/calendario/

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KENWOOD ELECTRONICS
NEW TH-K2A 2 METER HANDHELD AMATEUR RADIO

The new, stylish Kenwood TH-K2AT is in a class of its own. Though compact enough to fit snugly in either a pocket or your hand, this unit offers all the features necessary to make operation simple and sure. This 2 meter FM transceiver is tough enough to survive the rigors of outdoor use, while delivering superb performance. Complete specifications and a downloadable owner's manual are available at:
http://www.kenwood.ca/kwcgi/kww001?cono=01&lgid=E&item=TH-K2A

This radio and other fine Kenwood products are available from Radio HF. Please contact us for complete details on pricing and availability.

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THE RADIO ZONE

PRIME TIME SHORTWAVE

http://www.primetimeshortwave.com

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Although this site has been featured previously, I have to say that for the active shortwave listener, this site has to be one of the best around. Web master Dan Sampson updates this page regularly. It now includes all the new summer period schedules, by time and by station, plus it offers direct links to broadcasters' own web pages. Excellent work, Dan!

AM AND FM DXING RESOURCE

http://www.amfmdx.net/

VIA Rich Toebe, via Glenn Hauser's DX Listening Digest

The AM DX Resource is a list of links as well as original content, but covers various aspects of the hobby.

SHORTWAVE.ORG.UK

http://www.shortwave.org.uk/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Find the latest loggings of shortwave stations from all four corners of the world. Use the links on the top to find your way around the latest shortwave loggings, the latest tropical band loggings and spotlights on various shortwave features.

DX CENTRAL

http://www.dx-central.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

After spending countless hours on the net "surfing" from site to site looking for various ham QSL managers, routes, direct addresses, etc., web master Kelly, W0VD, thought it would an interesting project to gather information from many place and "warehouse" this information on a single website; the site being much like a library.

W8JI.COM

http://www.w8ji.com/

VIA Rich Toebe, via Glenn Hauser's DX Listening Digest

Information on antennas, including beverages, phased arrays, loops, verticals, slinkys, amplifiers, and more abounds at Tom Rauch's website.

SURFING THE AETHER

http://www.northwinds.net/bchris/index.htm

VIA Rich Toebe, via Glenn Hauser's DX Listening Digest

I stumbled across this website. It's a history of radio, of sorts, and is broken down into ten year time periods. The author also has a section where he highlights the parallels between the early days of radio and the beginnings of the Internet. Interesting stuff...

SLOGANS OF RADIO STATIONS 1926-1932

http://members.aol.com/jeff1070/slogans.html

VIA Rich Toebe, via Glenn Hauser's DX Listening Digest

This page with slogans used by stations between 1926 and 1932 is interesting. Many of them are designed to give their call letters further meaning; some are designed to promote their town or business interests. My favourite is "The Biggest Little 10 watt Station in the World". Find this listing of "oldies but goodies"

THE RADIO RANT

http://theradiorant.conforums2.com/

VIA Ron Bickle, Amherst, Nova Scotia

This forum is designed to encourage the free flow of comments and ideas pertaining to the radio industry, those who are employed in it, those who used to call the industry home, and those who are curious about it. The love of radio brings us all together.

POWER LINE COMMUNICATIONS

http://www.addx.de/plc/plc-video.php

VIA Steve Coletti, New York, New York

Power line communications, also known as BPL-Broadband over Power Lines is a technology that has already appeared in Europe. There is a probability of it being introduced in North America. Although this site is in German, you can still run and watch the 4 video clips demonstrating the interference and noise we can expect from this technology. It is very disburbing.

CRYSTAL RADIO -- THE X-TAL SET SOCIETY

http://www.midnightscience.com

VIA Steven Coles, AM Radio DX Group

An entire site about building crystal radio sets. The Society has been growing over the past ten years. The Xtal Set Society publishes a newsletter and numerous books, all of which you can find more information about on this site. You'll also find plans to build a Quaker Oat box crystal radio and a Cigar Box Crystal set, and you'll find their specialty bookstore, Midnight Science Books.

HMCS COVERDALE

http://webhome.idirect.com/~jproc/rrp/coverdale.html

VIA Jerry Proc, Toronto, Ontario

What started off as a simple task to try and identify a piece of WWII Direction Finding equipment resulted in some research and the net result is a document about HMCS Coverdale. Initially established as a war time, naval DF station near Moncton, New Brunswick, it later became part of Canada's Supplementary Radio Activities group, an oblique reference to intelligence collection, especially by radio.

WARD-BECK SYSTEMS PRESERVATION SOCIETY

http://www.kuzub.com/WBSPS/inside.htm

VIA Ron Bickle, Amherst, Nova Scotia

Ward-Beck consoles are used in almost every radio market in North America - this is a source for manuals, modules and parts for older W-B gear. The goal is to keep vintage Ward-Beck equipment running and working by supplying a database of documentation, knowledge, and support.

LISTEN TO THE SATELLITES

http://www.ne.jp/asahi/home/akari/satellite/index-e.html

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This is a web page from Japan featuring information about monitoring voice and images signals from satellites.

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MFJ ENTERPRISES

One of the best known names in the radio accessories and equipment business is MFJ. MFJ Enterprises, Inc. was founded in 1972 by Martin F. Jue. The company began operations in a small rented hotel room in the old Stark Hotel in downtown Starkville, Mississippi. The company began marketing its products in October of 1972. The first product was a high selectivity filter that would enable a receiver to separate one Morse code signal from scores of other signals that were being transmitted over the radio airwaves.

Today MFJ offers thousands of products under such well-known names as Hy-Gain, Ameritron, Vectronics and Mirage, as well as MFJ. Their new 2004 catalog is now available in print, or on-line on their extensive website at:

http://www.mfjenterprises.com/index.php

All MFJ products are available through Radio HF. Please contact Radio HF for pricing and availability.

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THE GENERAL ZONE

WWW VIRTUAL LIBRARY

http://www.vlib.org/Home.html

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This is the oldest catalog of the web, started by Tim Berners-Lee, the creator of html and the web itself. Unlike commercial catalogs, it is run by a loose confederation of volunteers, who compile pages of key links for particular areas in which they are expert; even though it isn't the biggest index of the web, the VL pages are widely recognized as being amongst the highest-quality guides to particular sections of the web. NOTE: Be sure to check out the Communications and Media section.

MUCKRAKER-THE CENTRE FOR INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING

http://www.muckraker.org/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The Center for Investigative Reporting is an independent news organization that strengthens democracy by exposing injustice and abuse of power.
Since 1977, CIR has completed hundreds of investigations which have appeared in news outlets include: ABC World News Tonight, ABC 20/20, CBS Evening News, CBS 60 Minutes, NBC Nightly News, PBS Frontline, CNN, The New York Times, USA Today, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, National Public Radio, U.S. News & World Report, Mother Jones, and The Nation.

FACSNET-IMPROVING JOURNALISM THROUGH EDUCATION

http://www.facsnet.org/#

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The mission of FACS is to improve the quality of information reaching the public through the news. We believe better journalism can be achieved through education. Toward that end, FACS provides educational seminars designed to give journalists the background knowledge they need to better understand and analyze the issues that are so vital to our society.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR COMPUTER-ASSISTED REPORTING

http://www.nicar.org/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

NICAR is a program of Investigative Reporters and Editors, Inc. and the Missouri School of Journalism. Founded in 1989, NICAR has trained thousands of journalists in the practical skills of finding, prying loose and analyzing electronic information.

GHOST TOWN

http://www.angelfire.com/extreme4/kiddofspeed/

VIA David Guretski, Caronport, Saskatchewan

This is an extremely moving and powerful web page. The page is a photo-diary of a Russian woman who rides her motorcycle through Chernobyl and the surrounding areas. Though her English is broken, the photos are eerie to say the least.

SERCO TRANS-ARCTIC EXPEDITION

http://www.sercotransarctic.com/home

VIA Yahoo Weekly Picks

Covering one man's quest to do something never before accomplished -- hike solo from Russia to Canada via the North Pole -- this site will document a journey that truly warrants the "extreme" label. Traversing 1,200 miles of treacherous frozen earth, Ben Saunders aims to cross the Arctic Ocean by himself on a pair of skis. You can read his dispatches as he waits for the right moment to begin his trek, pore over his biography, and peruse the over 300 pounds of equipment he'll haul on his heroic hike. There's also a place where you can wish Ben luck, and with temperatures dropping as low as -49¼ F, he's going to need it.

RECALLS

http://www.recalls.gov/

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

To provide better service in alerting the American people to unsafe, hazardous or defective products, six federal agencies with vastly different jurisdictions have joined together to create this web page, a "one stop shop" for U.S. Government recalls.
Follow the tabs to obtain the latest recall information, to report a dangerous product, or to learn important safety tips.

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NEW FROM THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE:

ARRL'S HF DIGITAL HANDBOOK-- BY STEVE FORD, WB8IMY.

All the information you need to get on air and enjoy the fascinating world of HF digital communication. All it takes is an HF SSB radio and your sound-card-equipped computer or an external multimode processor.
You'll learn how to . . .
-Assemble your own HF digital station. ARRL's HF Digital Handbook shows you how to connect your computer to your transceiver and adjust both for maximum performance.
-Operate PSK31--the "hot" HF digital mode.
-Chase DX and contest contacts with RTTY.
-Connect to the Internet from any location using the WinLink2000 PACTOR network.
-Explore other HF digital modes such as Clover, Hellschreiber, MFSK16, MT-63, Q15X25 and Throb and much more!
ARRL's HF Digital Handbook includes a handy Resources section with Web addresses for downloadable software, as well as contact information for HF digital equipment manufacturers. Also complete technical specifications of the various HF digital modes.
Third edition, ©2003, ARRL Inc. (ISBN: 0-87259-915-9) $26.95 Canadian - Now Available

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Essential knowledge for all aspiring tower climbers--hams & professionals alike. This knowledge is built on a combination of experience, study and practice.
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-Fall protections, fall restraint, and fall arrest
-Hazard assessment, including wind, snow, ice, rain, lightning, insects, electrical and RF dangers
-Safety plans and safety equipment
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-First Aid and rescue
Includes OSHA regulations, suppliers and an intense glossary of terms.
This book is essential reading for technicians, supervisors, and project managers involved in the construction, inspection maintenance, and contract administration related to wireless communication installations.
128 pages. 3rd edition. © 2003, by ComTrain LLC. $40.00 Canadian -- Now Available

APRS -- MOVING HAMS ON RADIO AND THE INTERNET -- A GUIDE TO THE AUTOMATIC POSITION REPORTING SYSTEM BY STAN HORZEPA, WA1LOU

APRS is among the most popular activities using personal computers in ham radio applications. Getting started often requires little more than a VHF radio and computer. With a portable Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver, you have precise position information at your fingertips. Connect the GPS receiver to your APRS station, and you can transmit your location information even as you're moving!
-Track moving objects on maps (other stations, public service vehicles, marathon runners, etc.).
-Display weather statistics and storm warnings.
-Find a hidden transmitter or jammer.
-Access the APRS network on the Internet (even without a radio!)
The future for APRS applications seems limitless!
In this book, you'll learn how to configure hardware and software to make the best use of your APRS station. Software examples include programs for Windows, Mac and Linux. Follow detailed discussions of APRS operation and technical support. To help you get stated, there's also a complete Glossary of Terms and a summary of APRS software commands.
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- $24.50 Canadian -- Now Available

ARRL'S VINTAGE RADIO

QST articles about the lure of vintage radio gear
-Equipment
-Techniques
-Personal Experiences
-Restoration
-Classic Ads
and more...
Revisit the ham radio of yesteryear! ARRL's Vintage Radio is a collection of articles published in QST magazine describing vintage equipment and restoration. Included are personal experiences and interesting points in the history of Amateur Radio that will evoke a sense of nostalgia.
This collection covers vintage radio articles published between 1977 and 2003, and includes three year's worth of "Old Radio" QST columns by John Dilks, K2TQN. A selection of classic QST advertisements from the '20s through the '70s helps round out this fascinating look back in time. Enjoy ads from Collins, Drake, Heathkit and more!
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(ISBN: 0-87259-918-3) - $26.95 Canadian --
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THE FUN & SERVICES ZONE

AD TUNES

http://www.adtunes.com/

VIA Yahoo Weekly Picks

While many of us claim to abhor advertising, we're often left silently humming an inescapable tune thanks to the ad pros who love finding the perfect (and sometimes obscure) piece of music to set the mood for their finely crafted 30-second spots. This site steps in to put names to the uncredited ad music that often leaves viewers scratching their heads and frantically searching out the songs indelibly etched in their memory. If you're plagued by questions about commercials and music, there's no better spot to discuss them than the lively forums.

THE BAD FADS MUSEUM

http://www.badfads.com/home.html

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This site was created to take a fun and nostalgic look at fashions, collectibles, activities and events, which are cherished by some and ridiculed by others.

WEB PAGES THAT SUCK

http://www.webpagesthatsuck.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The purpose of this web site is to help people design effective and aesthetically pleasing web pages. My methodology is somewhat different. I believe that if someone is exposed to bad web page design they'll be less likely to use these techniques in the pages they create.

A SHORT QUIZ

http://www.dr-joe.net/quiz.html

VIA Ed Muro, Cedarhurst, New York

Take a minute and try this one out. You should get a laugh out of it.

VANITY LICENSE PLATES

http://www-chaos.umd.edu/misc/plates.html

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This is a list of vanity plates from personal observations, people's submissions, and also from postings in the usenet newsgroup. With minor exceptions, all of these plates are real, i.e., it's on a car being driven by someone in the world.

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THE HAMFEST/FLEAMARKET AND SPECIAL EVENTS ZONE

Each month we list upcoming events, including
hamfests, predominantly in Canada. NOTE: All times quoted are local.
(Compiled by Vernon Ikeda VE2MBS, Pierrefonds, Quebec, and Radio Amateurs of Canada)

Saturday, April 10
Iroquois A.R.C. 9th Annual Flea Market - Iroquois,
Ontario
Location: Iroquois Civic Centre
Vendors: 8 AM; Public: 9 AM -- 12 Noon
Free Admission; Tables $10.00
Talk-in: VE3IRO 145.290 (-)
Table reservations/Information: Gordon Knights, VE3UGW (613)-657-3640 or
E-mail ve3ugw@ripnet.com
Web Site: http://web.ripnet.com/~ve3ugw
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Saturday, April 17
Montreal Hamfest and Fleamarket LaSalle (Montreal),
QuŽbec
Location: Royal Canadian Legion Branch 212 (LaSalle),
7771 Bouvier; corner of Shevchenko. STM Bus 109 at the door.
Vendors: 7:30 AM; Public 8:30 AM to Noon.
Admission - $4.00 Talk-in VE2RED 147.270 (+)
Information: James R. Hay, VE2VE - (514)-697-7205
E-mail: ve2arc@rac.ca
Web page: http://www.marc.qc.ca/fest/fest.html
RADIO HF WILL BE THERE

Saturday, April 17
Whitby Hamfest - Oshawa, Ontario
Location: Jubilee Pavillion, 55 Lake View Park, Oshawa, ON
Vendors 7 AM; Public 9 AM to 1 PM.
Admission - $5.00 Tables $10.00
Talk-in - VE3WOM 147.150 (+)
Information: Betty Huider, 87 Thickson Road, North
Whitby, ON LIN 3P7 or Phone 905-579-1800
E-mail: ve3blh@rac.ca
Web Page: http://w.a.r.c.tripod.com

Saturday, April 24
Durham Region Hamfest - Whitby, Ontario
Location: Iroquois Park Recreation Centre - Victoria
Street, corner of Henry Street
Vendors 7:30 AM - Public 9 AM to 1 PM;
Admission $6.00; Tables $25.00- includes 1 admission.
Talk-in: 147.375 (+) VE3SPA
Information/Reservations: Peter Henry, VA3PWH at
905-436-9236 or e-mail at:va3pwh@sympatico.ca
Web Site: http://drhamfest.tripod.com

Saturday, May 8
20th Annual Smiths Falls Amateur Radio Fleamarket -
Smiths Falls, Ontario
Location: Smiths Falls Youth Arena - Corner of Cornelia St. (Highway #43) and Elmsley St.
(behind 150 Elmsly Street North)
Vendors: 7 AM Public; 9 AM to Noon
Admission: $3; Tables $5.00 if paid in advance, $8.00 if on the day of the hamfest
Talk-in: VE3RLR 147.210 (+)
Reservations: Rideau Lakes Amateur Radio Club Inc.,
PO Box 1256, Smiths Falls, ON, K7A 5C7
E-mail: John Aikman, VA3JHA irmajohn@perth.igs.net
Web page: http://www.falls.igs.net/~rlarc
RADIO HF WILL BE THERE

Saturday, May 8
Skyward Annual Spring Hamfest And Fleamarket. Etobicoke, Ontario
Location: Westway United Church, 8 Templar Drive,
Etobicoke.
Vendors: 7;30 AM; Public 9 AM to 11:30
Admission $5.00; Tables $12.00 inc. one admission
Talk-in: VE3SKY 146.985 (-) or Simplex 146.520 MHz
Table reservations: Derrick Poulter, VE3JNK, Telephone 416-247-7728 E-mail:
dmpoulter@sympatico.ca
Web page: http://webhome.idirect.com/~jproc/sarc

Saturday, May 15
Calgary Amateur Radio Flea Market - Calgary, Alberta
Location: The Eastside City Church, 1320 Abbeydale
Drive, South East Calgary
Time: 10 AM to 2 PM
Admission - S5.00 - Tables $10.00
Information: Tim Thompson at 403-253-4893 or 403-829-4893 evenings.
E-mail: tlt46@telus.net
Web page: http://www.saralink.ca/

May 22/23
5th Annual Wells Dam Potluck Pic-Nic / Eyeball covering North Central Washington Counties and Lower British Columbia (Hwy 97), joint sponsored event by the OCARC / LCRC Okanogan County Amateur Radio Club
Lake Chelan Radio Club
Location: Wells Dam Highway 97 Washington State USA
Between Chelan and Pateros Washington.
Admission: free entry, camping, tailgating, and coffee
Talk in: 147.100+
Information: Ab7pg@lakechelanradioclub.com or
509-687-3919
Web Site: http://www.Lakechelanradioclub.com

Saturday, May 29
New Brunswick Spring Hamfest and Fleamarket -
Quispamsis, New Brunswick
Location: Gondola Point Recreation Centre, Recreation
Centre Road, Quispamsis, NB - Exit 141 off of Highway 1 (about 20 km east of Saint John).
Vendors: 8 AM - Public 9:30 AM to 1 PM
Admission $3.00, Tables $2.00
Talk-in: VE1EE 147.270 (+)
Information: Kal White at kalwhite@nbnet.nb.ca
or via telephone at 506-847-3744
Web page:http://www.qsl.net/ve9lc

Sunday, May 30
Hamfest du QuŽŽbec 2004 - Sorel-Tracy, QuŽbec
Location: Curling A. Racine et Centre Culturel, Place du Centre Civique, Tracy, QC
Vendors 6:30 AM; General Admission 9 AM
Admission: $5; Tables (indoors) $15 (outdoors) $7
Talk-in: VE2RBS 145.370 (-) CTCSS 103.5
Information: Denis Chouinard, VE2DSH at 450-746-0814,
E-mail: ve2cbs@hotmail.com
Web page: http://www.ve2cbs.qc.ca/
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Sunday, May 30
Amherstburg Radio Club 2nd Annual Fleamarket -
Amherstburg, Ontario
Location: Amherstburg Recreation Centre on the corner of Victoria and Richmond Streets next to the Amherstburg Arena.
Vendors: 7:30 AM; Public 9 AM to 1:30 PM
Tables 5.00$ General admission Free
Talk-in: 145.290 (-) VE3EXT and 146.520 simplex
Information: Carey Collard, VE3CFQ
TELEPHONE: 519-736-7694; E-mail: va3trl@rac.ca

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CIDX is Canada's national radio monitoring club, serving radio hobbyists since 1962, entering our 42nd year of operation. Our monthly newsletter,
Messenger, covers all aspects of the radio monitoring hobby. Our April 2004 edition is now available. Sample copies are available for $2 each, in Canada or the U.S., or $3 overseas. Membership is open to radio hobbyists worldwide. Visit the CIDX web site for complete information, as well as special features and web site profiles, or for a membership application.

http://www.anarc.org/cidx/

THE INTERNATIONAL RADIO REPORT

The International Radio Report, on CKUT-FM Radio McGill, 90.3 FM in Montreal, is available via the Internet on RealAudio, live streaming, and on the airwaves of CKUT, Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM Eastern (1430 UTC). Celebrating 16 years on the air, co-hosts Janice and Steve Karlock present a weekly half-hour of news, information and developments in radio broadcasting. Visit the Radio McGill web page for full CKUT programming:

http://www.ckut.ca

You may listen to archived editions of the programme through the Radio McGill web site, and thanks to the initiative of Ricky Leong, of Brossard, Quebec, you can find the most recent edition of the programme archived at:

http://members.fortunecity.com/crazyaboutradio/

Send your comments or questions to the International
Radio Report, by e-mail, to radioreport@yahoo.com

RADIO CANADA INTERNATIONAL'S MAPLE LEAF MAILBAG

You can hear my bi-weekly "CIDX Report" on The Maple Leaf Mailbag, on Canada's international shortwave broadcaster Radio Canada International, with host Ian Jones. Find the times and frequencies on the new Maple Leaf Mailbag web site at:

http://www.rcinet.ca/Scripts/default.asp?s1=Programmes&s2=ProgrammeLangue&s3=15

When you travel abroad, take Canada with you, with Radio Canada International on shortwave.

http://www.rcinet.ca

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